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In re Application of: Kevin R. Stone *et al.*
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed below and on the attached modified Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) in the above-identified application, copies of which are submitted herewith. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the National Application. Accordingly no fee is believed to be due. 37 C.F.R. §1.97.

A copy of each of the above-identified information indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified) has been submitted in U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/036087, from which the present patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Accordingly, copies of the references are not included. 35 U.S.C. § 1.98(d).

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Respectfully submitted,

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